

## REMARKS

This application is the entry into the national phase in the United States of International Application Serial No. PCT/JP2003/014053 which was filed on November 4, 2003. That application was filed with a number of multiply dependent claims, including some claims which themselves are dependent from other multiply dependent claims. An Article 19 Amendment was filed in connection with the international application. However, the Article 19 Amendment did not change the dependencies of the claims. Since such a multiple dependency type claim structure is not allowed in the United States, applicant takes this opportunity to remove all multiple dependencies from the claims as they were amended under Article 19.

Prompt and favorable examination of pending claims 1-20 is respectfully requested.

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